

# HARRINGTON HOTEL

PORT HURON



Port Huron's Harrington Hotel opened amid much fanfare in 1896. The hotel thrived for many years as a place for business and leisure travelers to stay downtown. The popularity of the automobile drew travelers to roadside motels and the Harrington hotel deteriorated, eventually closing in 1986. A group of investors bought the structure that same year, converting it to housing for senior citizens. In 1996 a Michigan Historical Marker was dedicated. Nearly a decade later U.S. Senator Carl Levin sponsored a replacement marker with one side devoted to Harry and Bess Truman's stay in Port Huron during their honeymoon in 1919. The marker quotes the Truman's daughter Margaret, who wrote in her biography of Bess, "For the rest of his life, whenever Harry Truman wanted to regain the radiance of those first days with Bess, he simply wrote: 'Port Huron.' For him it was a code word for happiness."

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Location:	1026 Military, between Pine and Wall Streets
Applicant/Sponsor:	The Honorable Carl Levin
Marker Erected:	2005
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